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EXPORT OF SOFTWARE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the recent congress on Information Technology held at Bangalore had observed that India`s progress in software was largely service based and not product based;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Congress had also observed that China was taking the lead in the field of IT sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken and being taken by the Government to boost India`s software export?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a),(b) and (c): The Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology had not organised the Science Congress held in Bangalore.However, the 90th session of the Indian Science Congress held in Bangalore during January 3-7, 2003, was organised by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Bangalore University (BU).The focal theme of the 90th session was on `Frontier Science and cutting- edge Technologies`.

In the 90th session of the Indian Science Congress, there were two sessions related to IT:

(I) A Plenary on Information Science and Technologies for a Knowledge.

(2) A Sectional Session on Information and Communications Science and Technology.

As per the inputs available from the organisers of the Science Congress, there was neither any agreement nor consensus:

(i) that India`s progress in software has been service-based but not product-based;

(ii) that China was taking the lead in IT sector.

Further in the presentations made, there was all-round appreciation and recognition that India has made great strides in IT and that the challenge ahead of India is to emerge as an IT super-power, in software and manufacturing, and enable a knowledge-society by integrating information technology to the core of science, technological and economic activities.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Steps taken by Government to boost up India`s software exports are given at Annexure.